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SUBJ: 29TH UNGA -- SECOND COMMITTEE -- ITEM 46 (A) --
ENVIRONMENT

1. ARGENTINA INTRODUCED FOLLOWING RES (DOCUMENT A/C.2/
L.1368) IN AM SESSION SECOND COMMITTEE. YOUR ATTENTION IS
CALLED TO PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH 8 WHERE REFERENCE IS MADE TO
"COLLECTIVE ECOLOGICAL SECURITY", TO PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH
11, WHICH NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE COCOYOC DECLARATION,
AND OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 2 WHICH REQUESTS UNEP TO TAKE
FULLY INTO ACCOUNT DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON
THE NIEO AND IMPLEMENT THE NIEO IN ITS AREA OF COMPETENCE.
WE UNCERTAIN ABOUT "COLLECTIVE ECOLOGICAL SECURITY"
AND "COCOYOC", BUT SEE WORDING REGARDING NIEO AS TROUBLE-
SOME. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS.

2. QUOTE: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 2994 (XXVII), 2997 (XXVII) AND
3000 (XXVII) OF 15 DECEMBER 1972,

RECALLING FURTHER ITS RESOLUTIONS 2849 (XXVI) OF 20 DECEMBER
1971 AND 3002 (XXVII) OF 15 DECEMBER 1972,

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BEARING IN MIND ITS RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VI) AND 3202 (S-VI)
OF 1 MAY 1974 ON THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION
ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER,

REAFFIRMING THAT BOTH ASPECTS OF MAN'S ENVIRONMENT, THE
NATURAL AND THE MAN-MADE, ARE VITAL TO HIS WELL-BEING AND
TO THE EXERCISE OF BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS,

REAFFIRMING FURTHER THAT THE PROTECTION, PRESERVATION AND
ENHANCEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERA-
TIONS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL STATES,

CONSCIOUS THAT POLLUTION AND THE DEGRADATION AND EXHAUSTION
OF NATURAL RESOURCES ARE ESSENTIAL PROBLEMS OF THE ENVIRONMENT,

CONCERNED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT THAT IRRATIONAL AND
WASTEFUL EXPLOITATION AND CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PRODUCES IN THE WORLD, PARTICULARLY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
AND WITH THE THREAT THAT SUCH EXPLOITATION AND CONSUMPTION
REPRESENT FOR THOSE COUNTRIES IN THE EXERCISE OF PERMANENT
SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES,

CONVINCED OF THE NEED AND URGENCY OF ATTAINING RATIONAL AND
OPTIMAL EXPLOITATION AND CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES,
OF AVOIDING THEIR WASTE AND OF CONTROLLING POLLUTION,
INTENSIFYING TO THAT END INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION,
WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF COLLECTIVE ECOLOGICAL SECURITY,

FULLY CONSCIOUS OF THE IMPORTANCE AND UNIVERSALITY OF ENVIRON-
MENTAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, THOSE PERTAINING
TO UNDER-DEVELOPMENT, EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND OF
THE FACT THAT, IN ORDER TO ATTAIN AN URGENT AND EFFECTIVE
SOLUTION TO ALL SUCH PROBLEMS, NATIONAL MEASURES AS WELL
AS MEASURES OF CO-OPERATION AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL
SHOULD BE ADOPTED,

REAFFIRMING THE INTERDISCIPLINARY AND INTERSECTORAL NATURE
AND APPROACH OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME,
AND RECOGNIZING THE BENEFITS THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH
AN APPROACH MAY PROVIDE FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF
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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT THAT AFFECT
MEMBER STATES, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

TAKING NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF THE COCOYOC DECLARATION
(A/C.2/292) ADOPTED AT THE UNEP/UNCTAD SYMPOSIUM ON PATTERNS
OF RESOURCE USE, ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES,
HELD AT COCOYOC, MEXICO, IN OCTOBER 1974,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME ON THE WORK OF ITS SECOND SESSION, AND BEING CONVINCED OF THE NEED TO CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN ITS PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES,

1. TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME ON THE WORK OF ITS SECOND SESSION;/1/

2. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME:
(A) TO TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE DECLARATION AND THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IN ALL THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAMME, AND IN PARTICULAR IN THOSE PERTAINING TO TRADE, ECONOMY, TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AND REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IN PREPARING THE NEW FORMULATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THIS PRIORITY SUBJECT AREA OF THE PROGRAMME TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL AT ITS THIRD SESSION, TO CONSIDER THE NEED PROMPTLY TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IN ITS FIELD OF COMPETENCE;

(B) TO ADOPT MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION OF INSTITUTIONS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAMME;

3. REQUESTS THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME, TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES:

(A) TO ENSURE THAT, IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT MONITORING SYSTEM (GEMS), ITS OBJECTIVE OF DETECTING, FAR ENOUGH IN ADVANCE, IMPENDING CHANGES, WHETHER MAN-MADE OR NATURAL, OCCURRING IN ANY PART OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THREATENING TO CAUSE SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE
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TO MAN'S WELL-BEING IS FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENTS WITH A BASIS FOR IMMEDIATE PREVENTIVE ACTION;

(B) TO GIVE ATTENTION, WHEN CONSIDERING THE REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL REFERRAL SYSTEM (IRS) TO BE SUBMITTED TO IT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNEP AT ITS NEXT SESSION, TO THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR INFORMATION ON THE ENVIRONMENT, AND IN PARTICULAR TO SUCH NEEDS OF COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY PROBLEMS OF DEGRADATION AND DEPLETION OF THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THE EXCHANGE AND TIMELY PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE INFORMATION, THROUGH IRS, WOULD FACILITATE THE ADOPTION OF MEASURES FOR THEIR SOLUTION;

4. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME:

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(A) TO CONSULT MEMBER STATES ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT PRODUCED BY IRRATIONAL AND WASTEFUL EXPLOITATION AND CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND, ON THE BASIS OF THE REPLIES RECEIVED, TO PREPARE A REPORT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP AT ITS FOURTH SESSION;

(B) TO PREPARE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, A STUDY INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PUTTING INTO PRACTICE, AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME, THE CONCEPT OF ECODEVELOPMENT AS A PLANNING METHOD ENABLING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE ACCELERATED AND SELF-SUSTAINED DEVELOPMENT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT, INTER ALIA, THEIR ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, SOCIAL, GEOGRAPHICAL, ECOLOGICAL AND REGIONAL CONDITIONS, FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP AT ITS FOURTH SESSION;

(C) TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENTS TO THE "CATALYTIC ROLE" OF THE PROGRAMME, APPROVED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, AS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR THE PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE SHORT TERM, TO PROBLEMS AFFECTING A COUNTRY OR GROUP OF COUNTRIES OF ONE REGION OR OF DIFFERENT REGIONS, AND TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AT ITS NEXT SESSION ON THE PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS ROLE COULD BE UTILIZED,

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PRINCIPALLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(D) TO ACCELERATE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION AS WELL AS WITH JURISTS, SCIENTISTS AND OTHER EXPERTS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF DEVELOPING A SET OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND OPERATIVE GUIDELINES ON WEATHER MODIFICATION AND OTHER MAN-INDUCED PHENOMENA, INCLUDING THEIR OPERATIONAL AND RESEARCH ASPECTS, AND TO REPORT TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL ON THE SUBJECT AT ITS FOURTH SESSION;

(E) TO CONSULT THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ON THEIR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE IDENTIFICATION, FORMULATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND, ON THE BASIS OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS, TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP AT ITS THIRD SESSION;

(F) TO GIVE PRIORITY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF GEMS TO THOSE NON-POLLUTANT ENVIRONMENTAL PARAMETERS WHICH WILL FACILITATE THE SOLUTION OR PREVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT OR MAY AFFECT PRINCIPALLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(G) TO BRING IRS TO THE ATTENTION OF MEMBER STATES AS A MEANS OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE EXCHANGE AND TIMELY PROVISION OF INFORMATION AMONG THEMSELVES, OR WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, FOR THE SOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AFFECTING THEM;

(H) TO CONSULT THE GOVERNMENTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON THE PROBLEMS AND MATTERS RELATED TO THE ENVIRONMENT ON WHICH THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, AND TO SUBMIT A REPORT, WITH THE REPLIES RECEIVED, TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP AT ITS FOURTH SESSION, WITH A VIEW TO THE FORMULATION OF A TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME BASED ON THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THAT GROUP OF COUNTRIES.

/1/ OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TWENTYNINTH SESSION, SUPPLEMENT NO. 25(A/9625). UNQUOTE
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